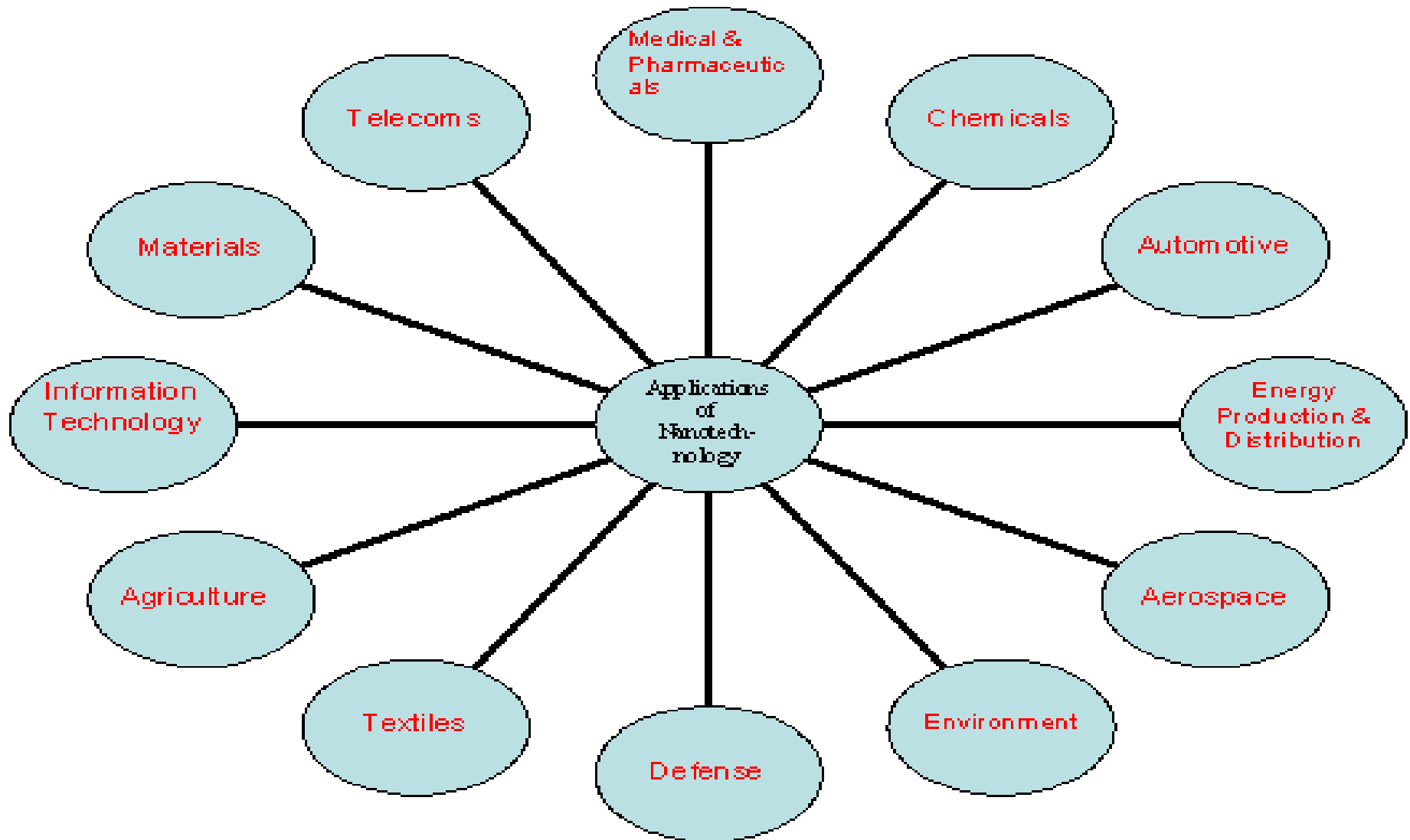


A 3D molecular model of a carbon nanotube, represented by a red hexagonal lattice structure. Inside the tube, several water molecules are shown, each consisting of a small white sphere (oxygen) and two smaller blue spheres (hydrogen). The background is a dark blue gradient.

# Biomedical applications of Nanotechnology

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# Applications of Nanotechnology



# Nanotechnology Applications

## Information Technology

- Smaller, faster, more energy efficient and powerful computing and other IT-based systems



## Energy

- More efficient and cost effective technologies for energy production
  - Solar cells
  - Fuel cells
  - Batteries
  - Bio fuels



## Medicine

- Cancer treatment
- Bone treatment
- Drug delivery
- Appetite control
- Drug development
- Medical tools
- Diagnostic tests
- Imaging



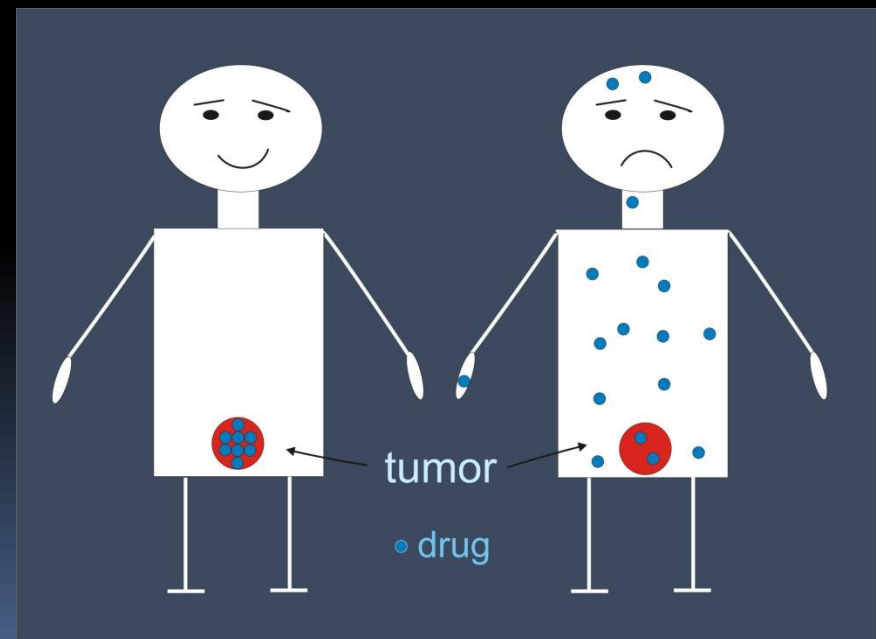
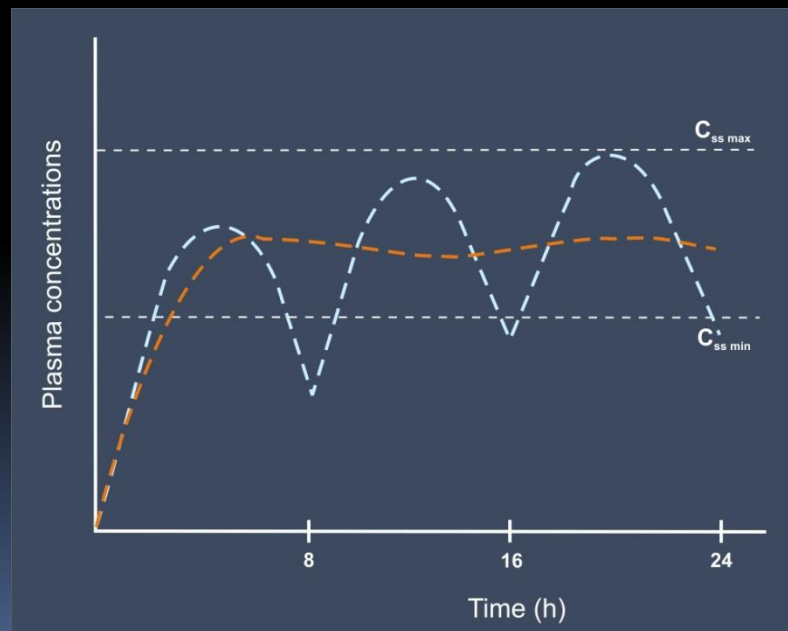
## Consumer Goods

- Foods and beverages
  - Advanced packaging materials, sensors, and lab-on-chips for food quality testing
- Appliances and textiles
  - Stain proof, water proof and wrinkle free textiles
- Household and cosmetics
  - Self-cleaning and scratch free products, paints, and better cosmetics



# Generations of dosage forms

- 1<sup>st</sup> gen. – conventional (unmodified) release of API
- 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. – controlled release of API (CR)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> gen. – targeted distribution drug delivery systems



# What is Nanoscale



12,756 Km

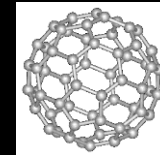
$1.27 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$



22 cm

0.22 m

Fullerenes  $C_{60}$



0.7 nm

$0.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$

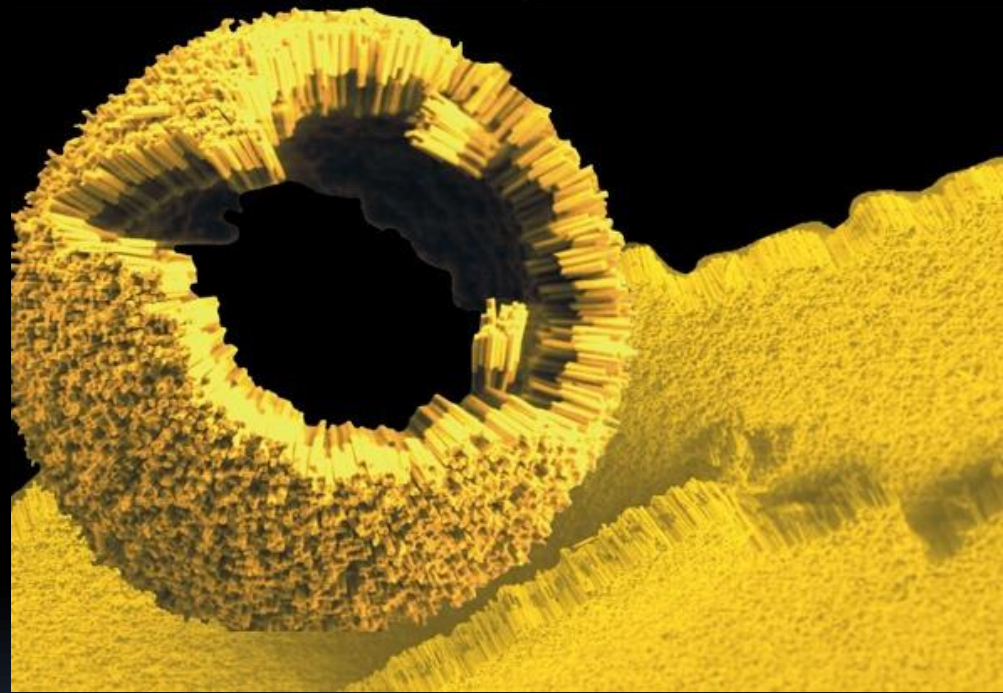


10 millions times smaller

1 billion times smaller


# Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery

- Gold Nanoshells
- Quantum Dots
- PLGA Particles
- Dendrimers
- Carbon Nanotubules
- Liposomes
- Niosomes
- Solid lipid nanoparticles
- Superparamagnetic

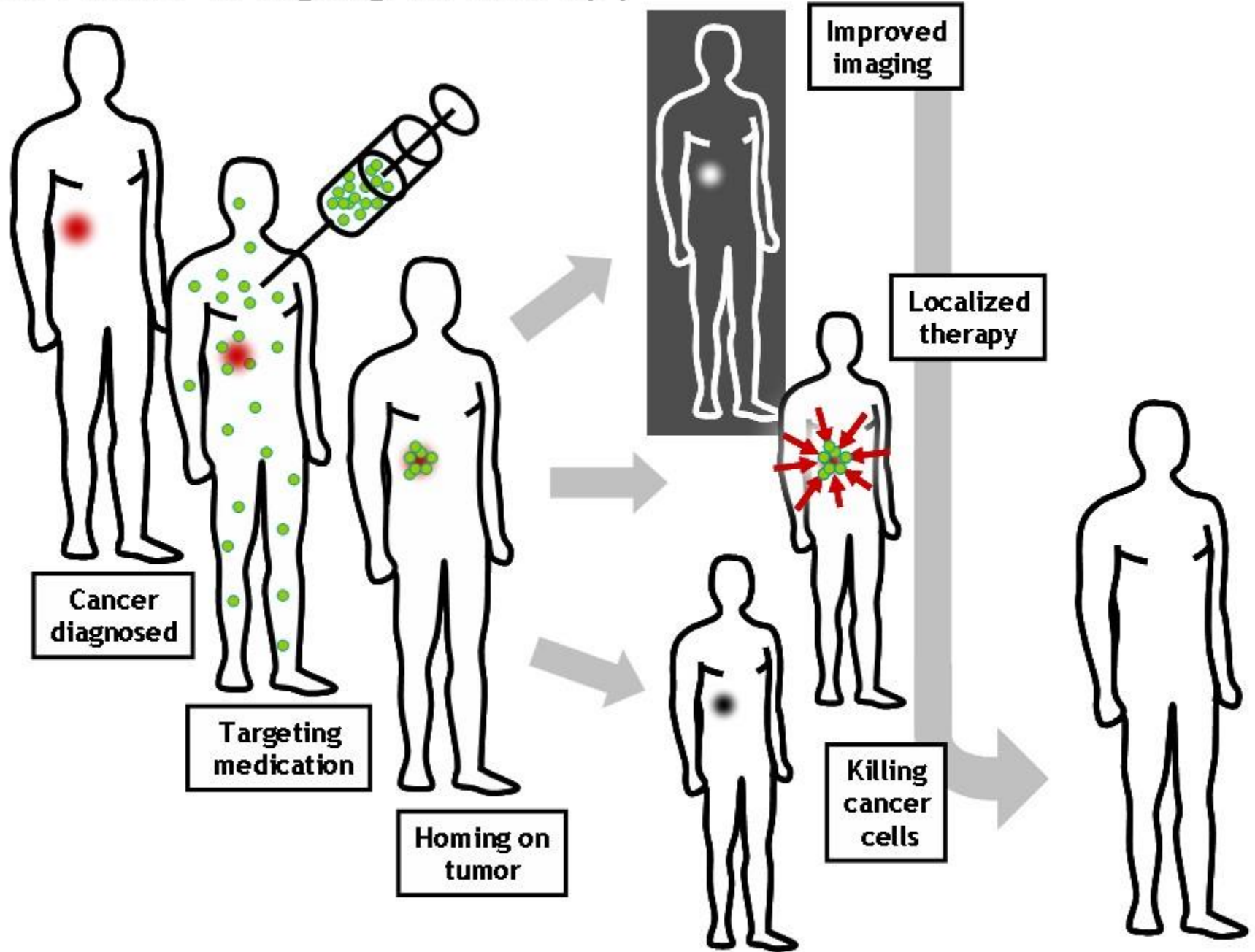




# Nanoparticles

- **Small solid particle that range from 10-500 nm**
    - **Nanoparticles are generally used as carriers for therapeutic or diagnostic agents**
    - **Can be solid or hollow**
    - **Composed of lipids, poly-lactic acid gold shells, dendrimers, Cad/Selenium**
  - **Highly stable**
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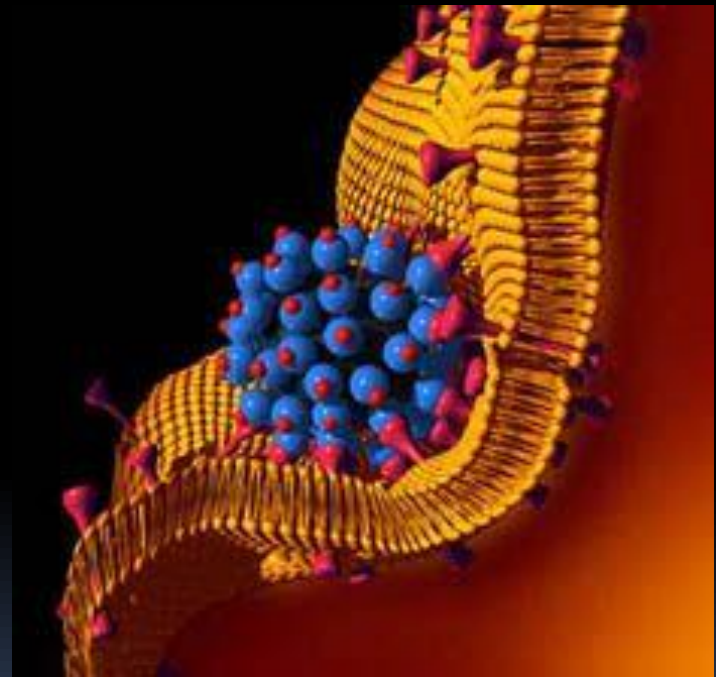
# Molecular imaging & therapy





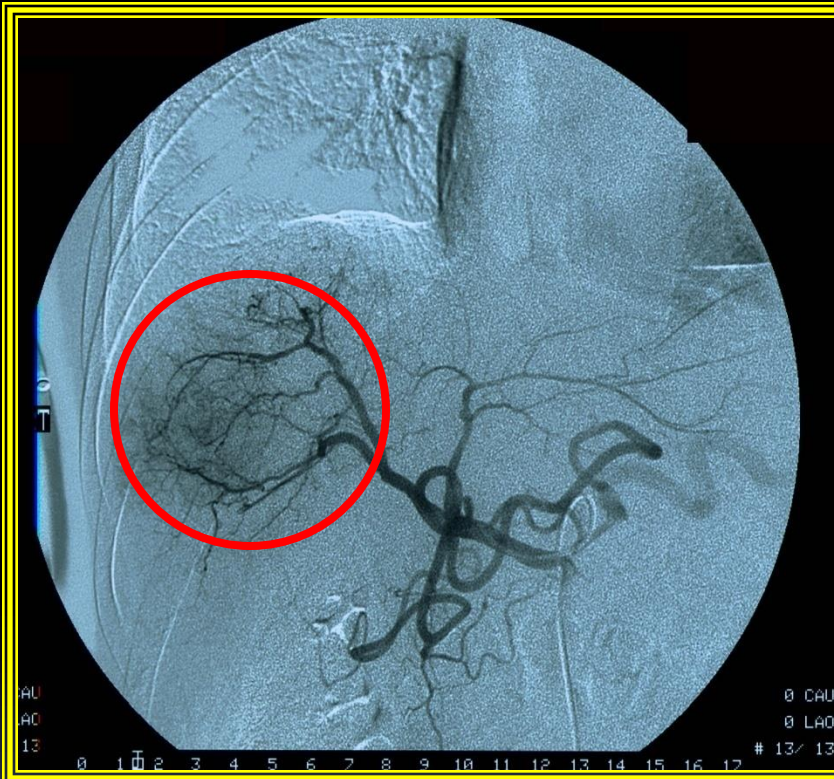
# Targeted Drug Delivery

- Active targeting
- Passive targeting

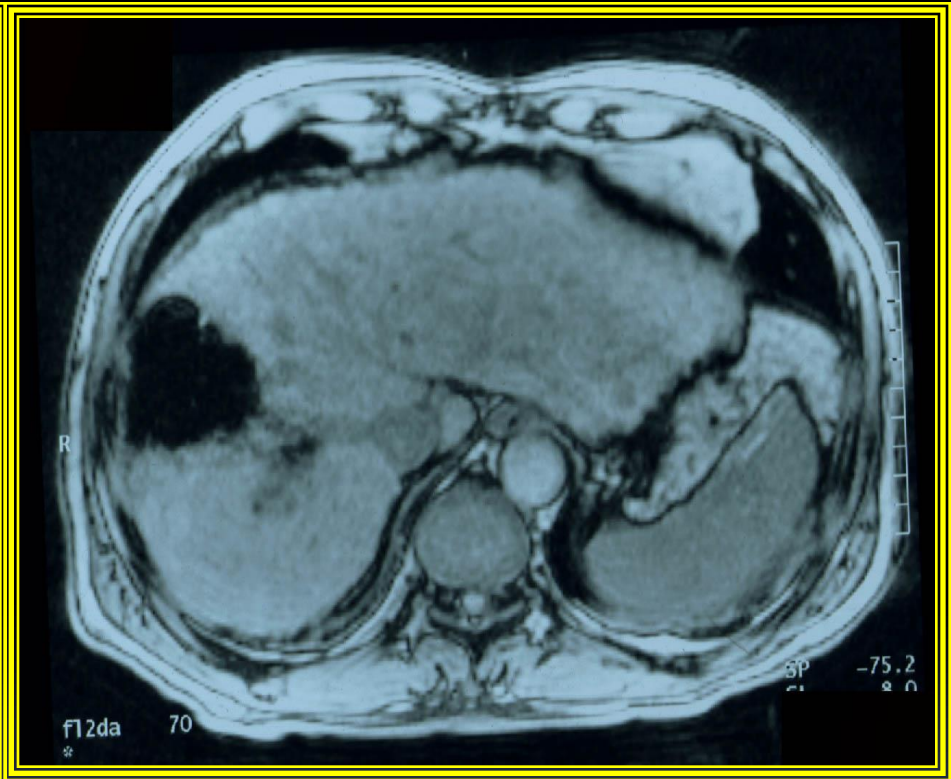




# Passive Targeting

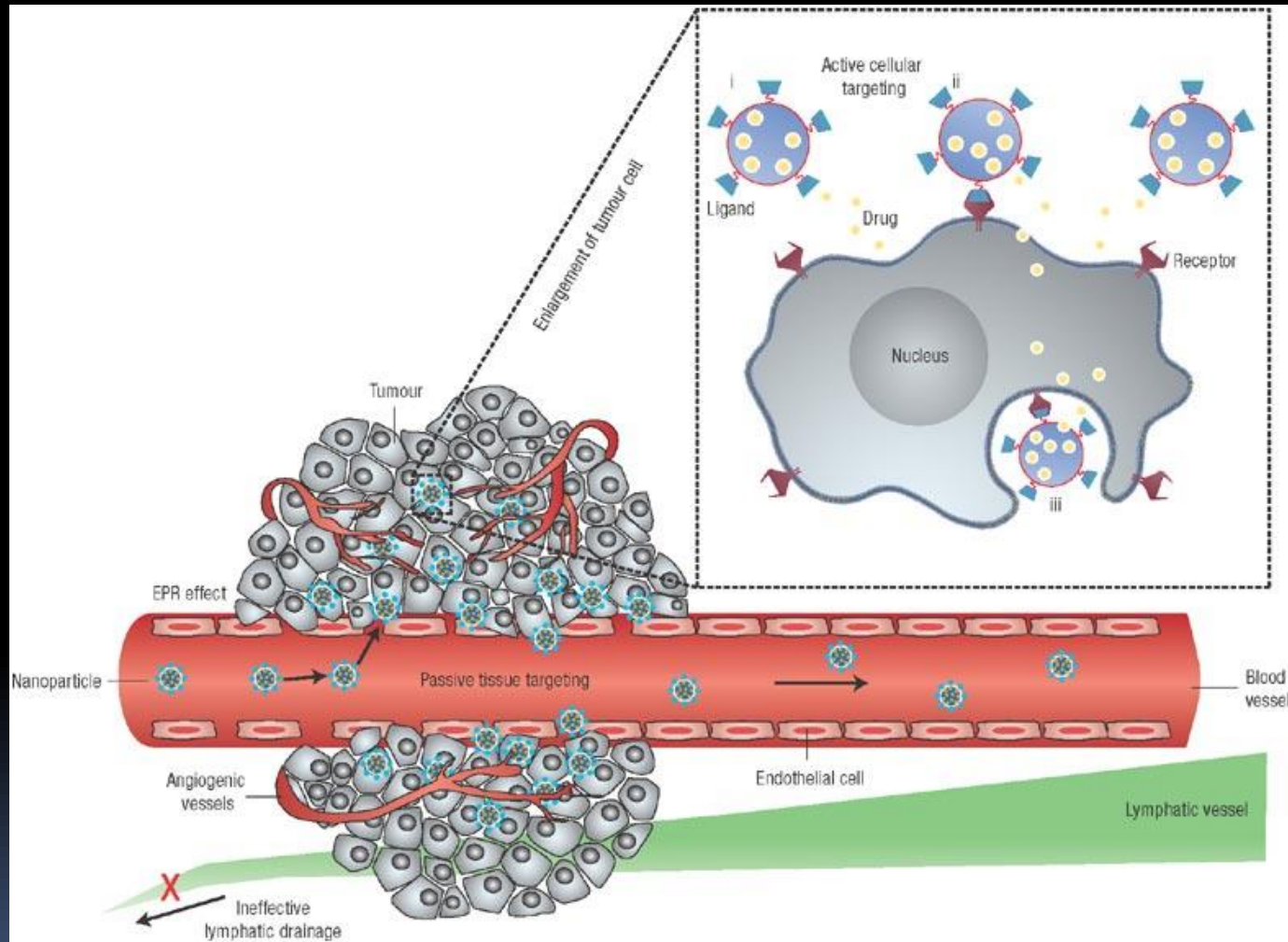


**Angiogram of  
Vessels**



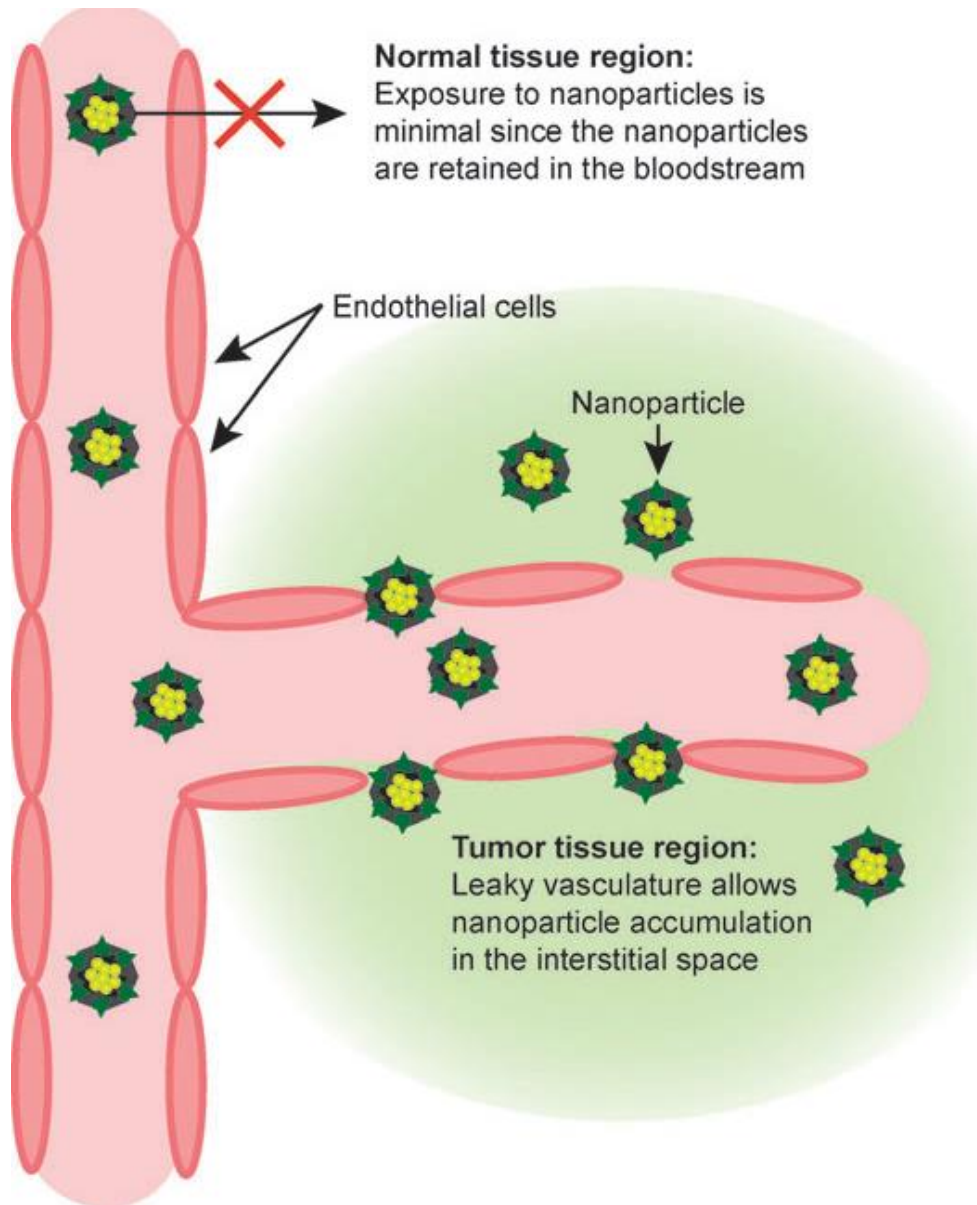
**MRI**

# The EPR effect



- Enhanced permeability and retention

# EPR: Taking advantage of retention



**A.** Tumorous tissues suffer of Enhanced Permeability and Retention effect (RES)

**B.** Nanoparticles injected in the blood stream do not permeate through healthy tissues


**C.** Blood vessels in the surrounding of tumorous tissues are defective and porous

**D.** Nanoparticles injected in the blood permeate through blood vessels toward tumorous tissues, wherein they accumulate



# The RES System

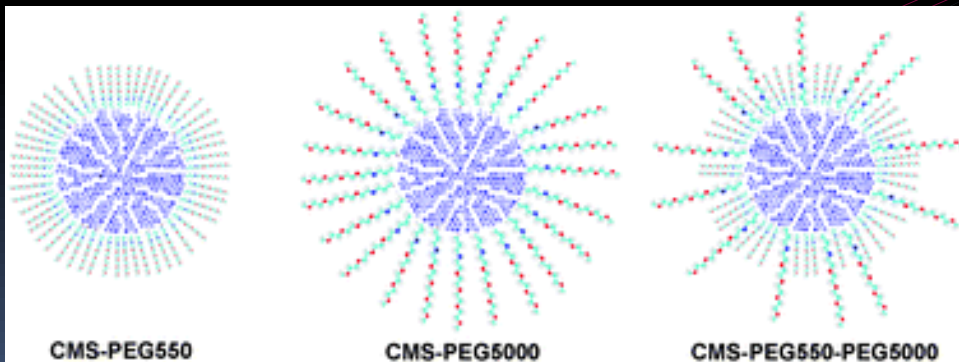
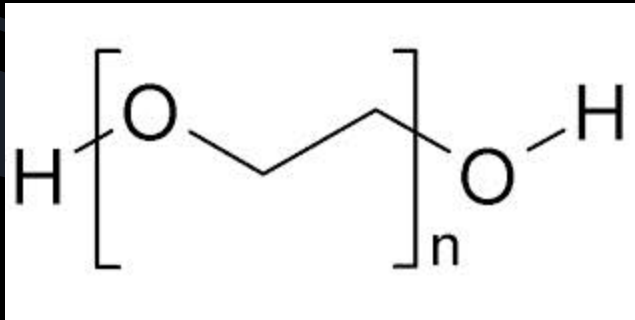
## RES Captures

- NPs of more than 300nm
  - Hydrophobic Surface
  - 75% of dose goes to Liver
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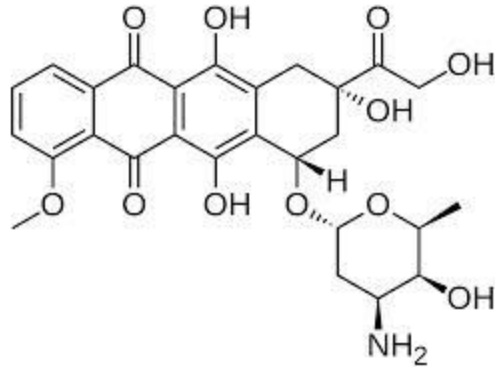
# PEGylation

## Stealth nanoparticles



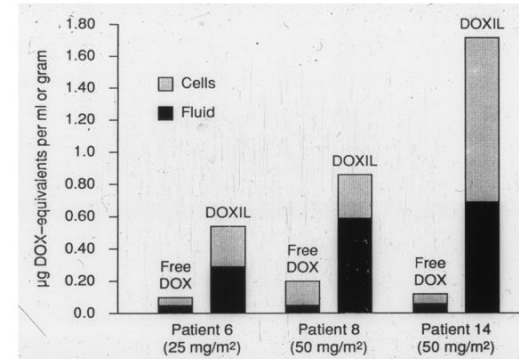


# Clinical Example of EPR

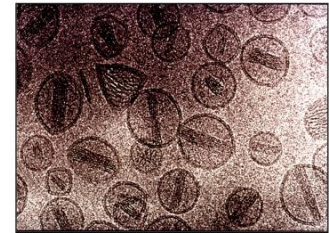
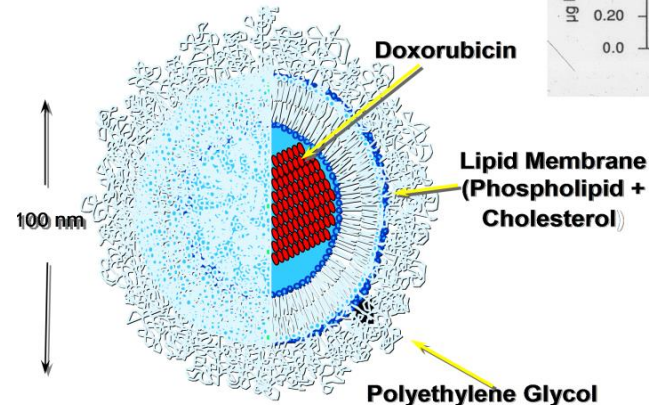


**DOXIL**

**Doxorubicin levels in tumor biopsies comparing free doxorubicin and Doxil**



**Doxil** is a polyethylene glycol coated liposomal formulation of doxorubicin.

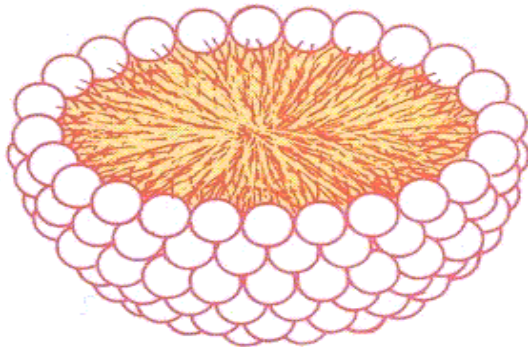


**morphology**

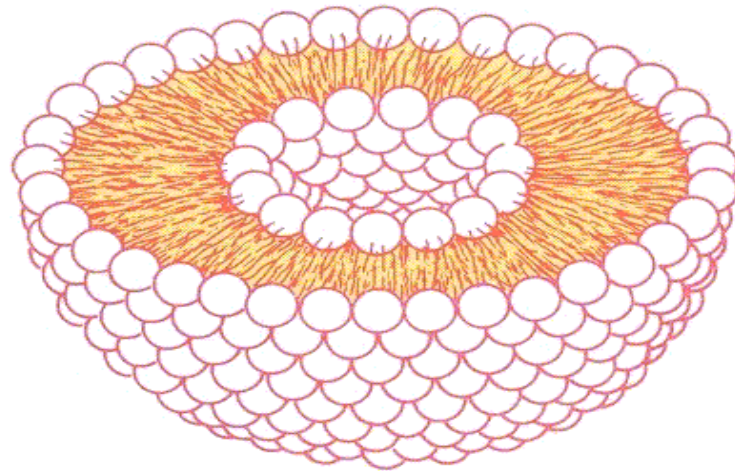
Marketed by Ben Venue Laboratories of J&J. Outside the US, Doxil is known as Caelyx (Janssen).

Approved by the FDA for treatment of ovarian cancer and multiple myeloma and an AIDS-related cancer.

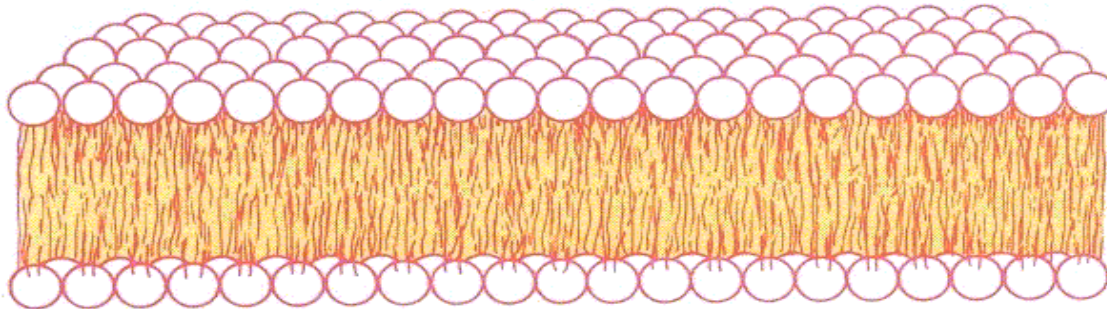
# Liposome and micelle



Micelle

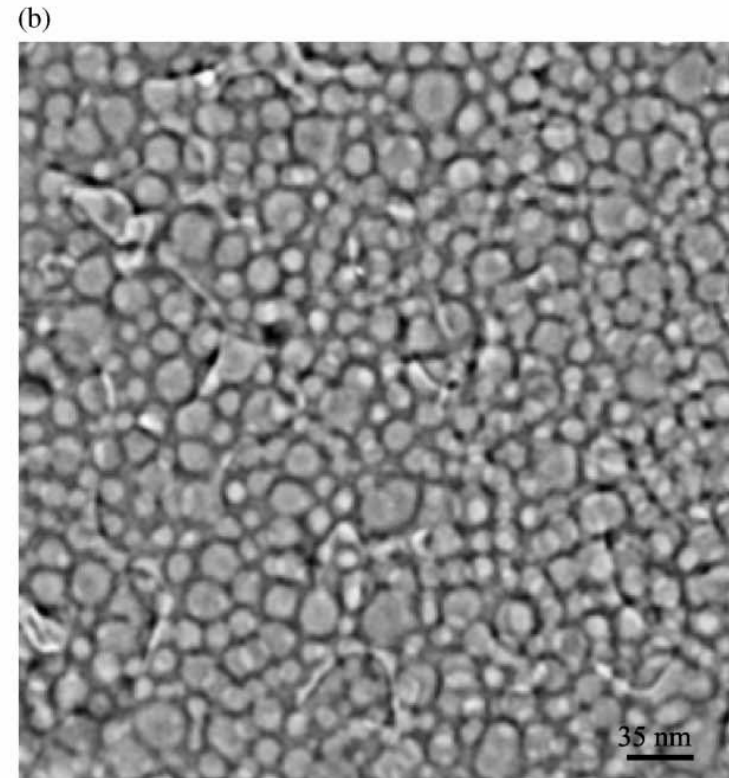
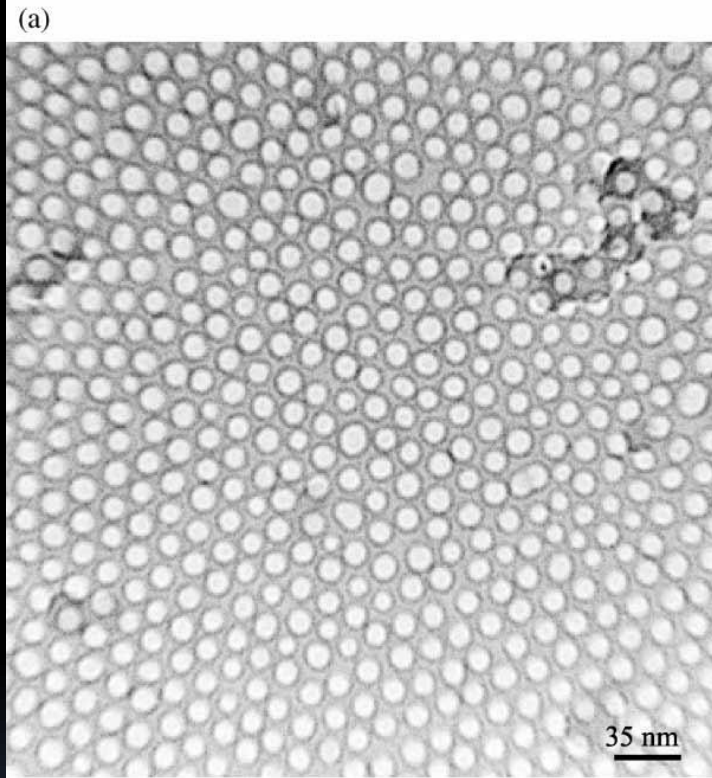


Liposome



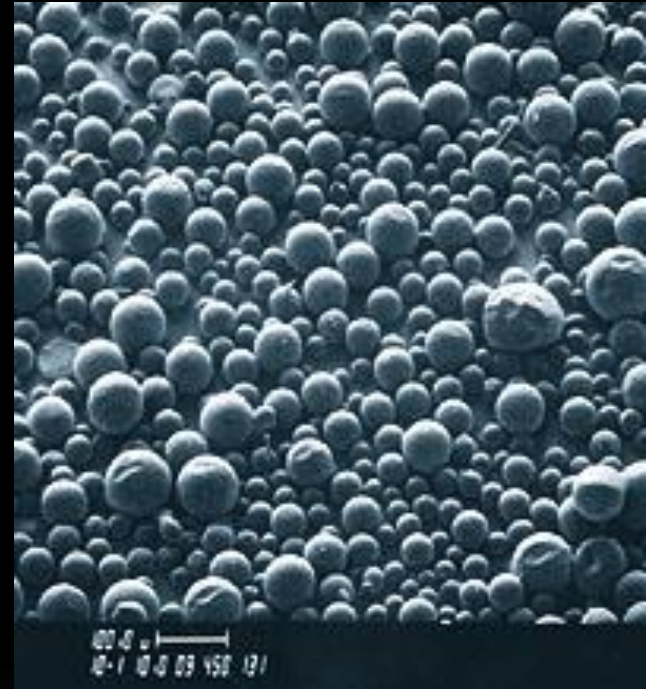
Bilayer sheet

# Liposome



# PLGA NPs

- Low toxicity
- Low cost
- High loading capacity
- Easy to make

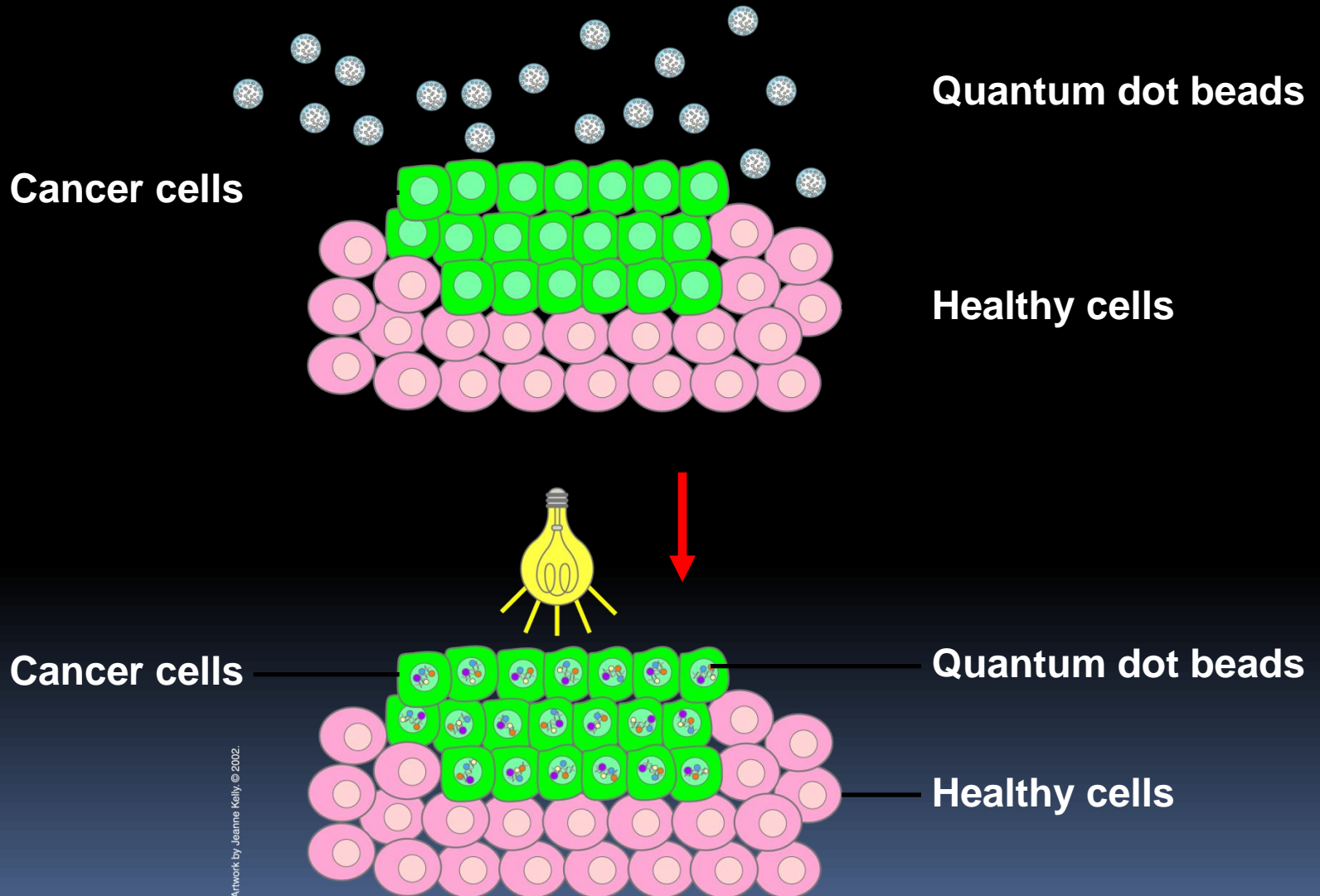


# Quantum Dots

- QDs = Semiconductor nanoparticles
  - selenide core
  - zinc-sulfide shell
- Extremely small in size
  - emit light when in contact with infrared light
- QDs may emit light in one of ten different colors
  - Color changes with size

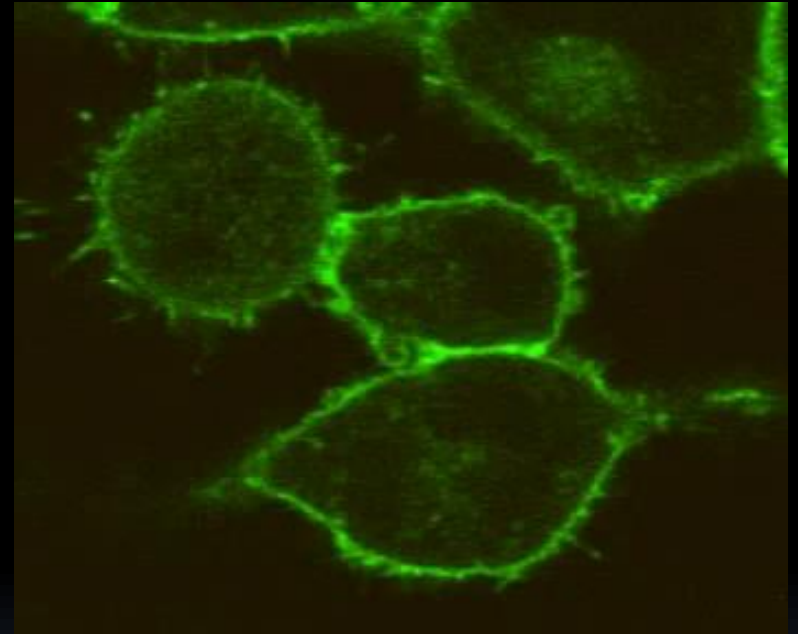


# Quantum Dots Can Find Cancer Signatures



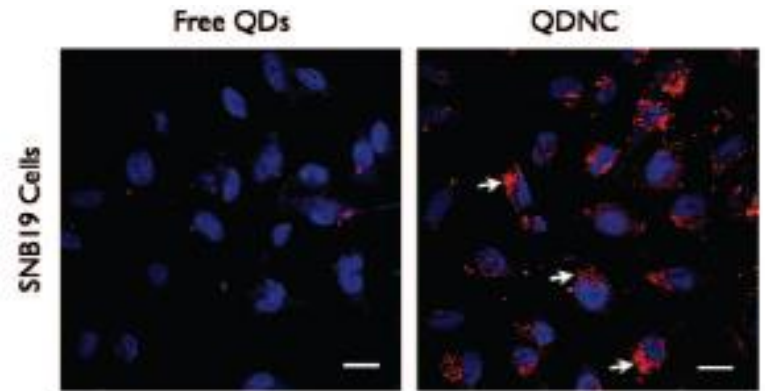
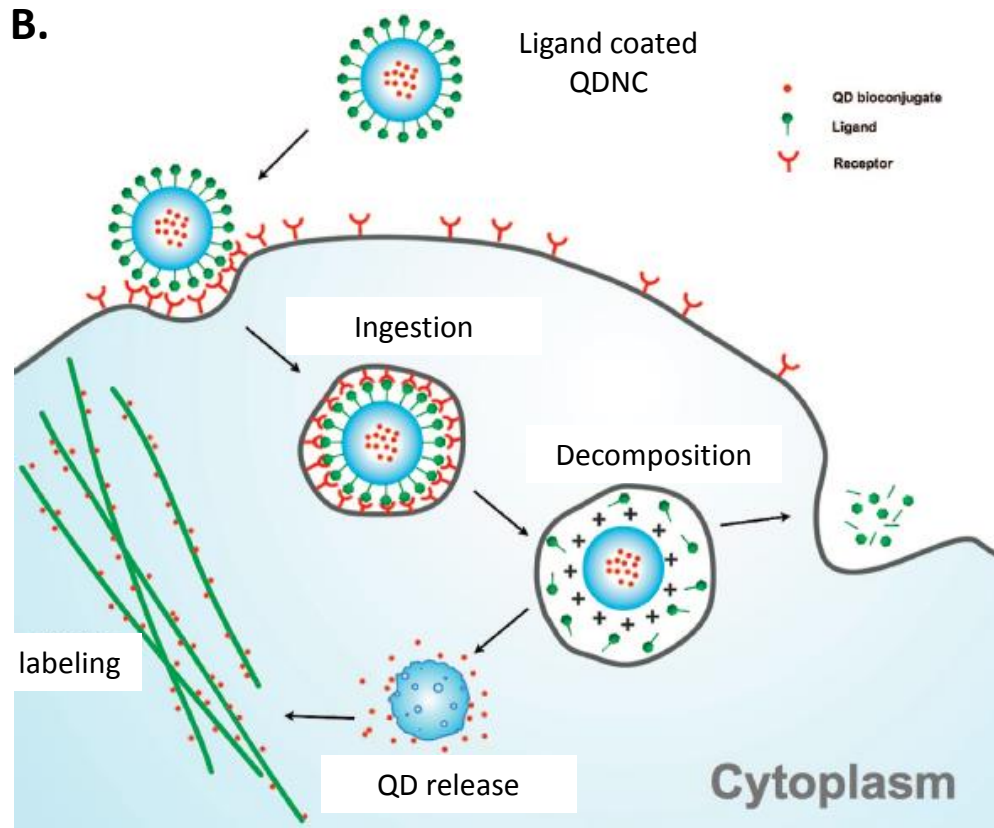
# Quantum Dots in action

- Continuous confocal laser scanning microscopy
- QD ligands seek target cells
- Infrared light causes QDs to emit fluorescent colors

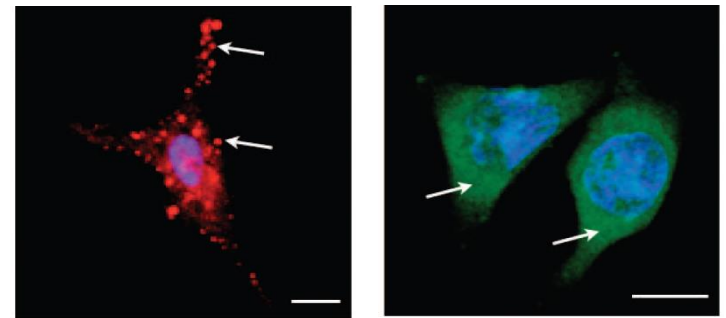


# Targeting QD's for intracellular imaging

**A.** Using a drug-delivery-like mechanism, a targeted lipid-based nanoparticle (TNP) encapsulating QD's specifically 'attacks' a cell having the receptors that pair with its ligand coating. Upon ingestion and destruction of the TNP, the QD's are set free and accumulate on intracellular structures



**C.** QD (red) intracellular uptake is enhanced when using the QDNC instead of the free QD's



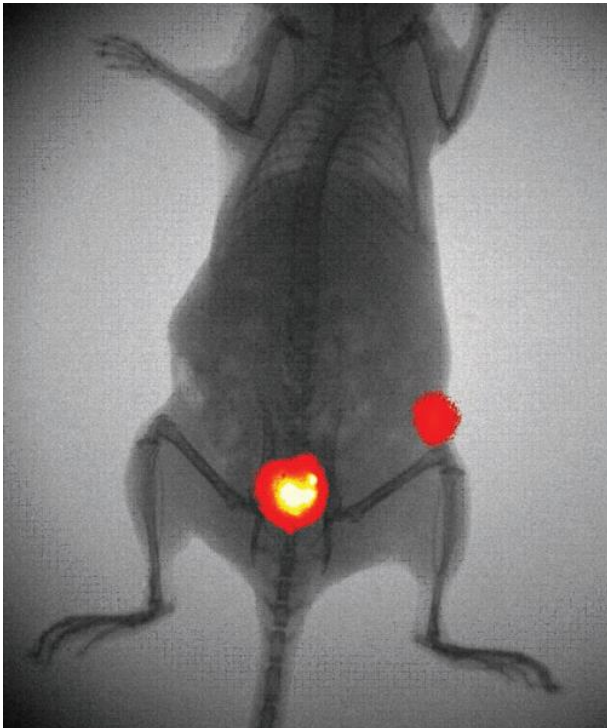
**D.** Imaging of nucleus (blue) and cytoplasm (other) after 30 min (left) and 3 hours after uptake



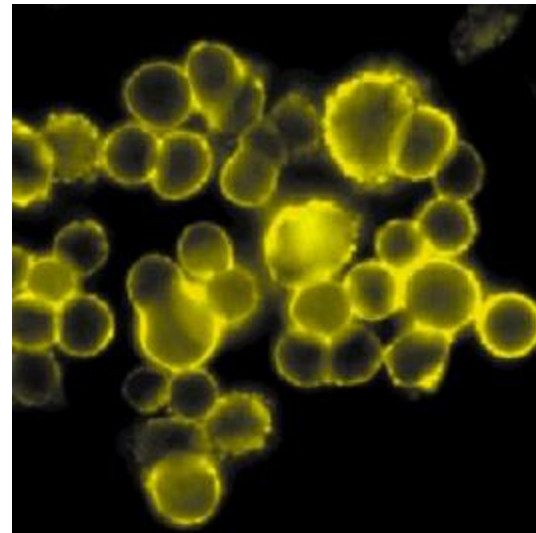
# QD Localization of a Tumor

**A.** It is possible to overlap X-ray images with infrared images to localize a tumor. The X-ray images give the images an anatomical context, while the infrared images detect the QD's emission, which correlates to the tumor location (see B.)

**B.**



**C.** 560-QD-Streptavidin targets and images In-vitro breast cancer cells having the IgG factor characteristic of chemotherapy responsive cells

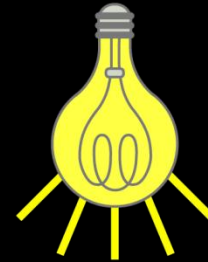


# Quantum Dots

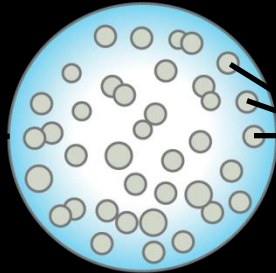
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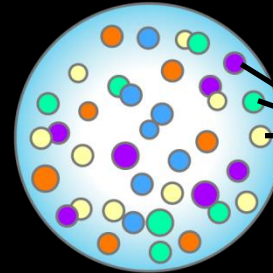
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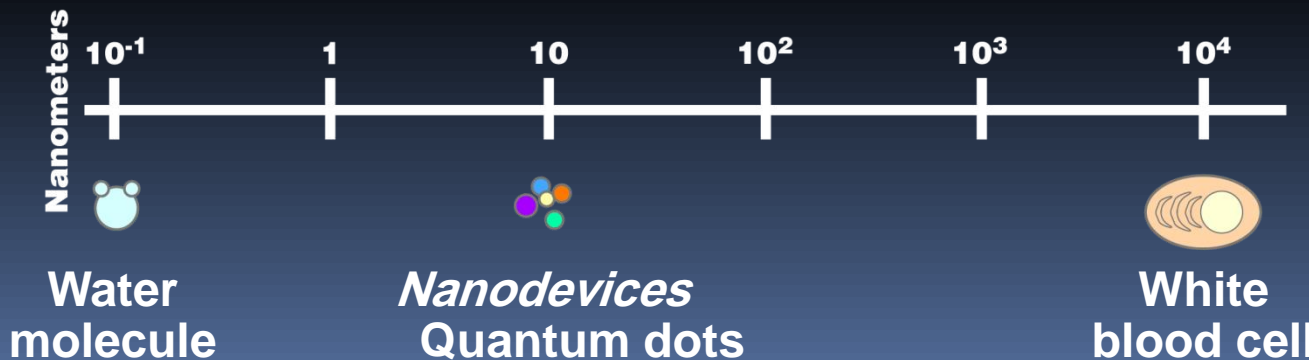
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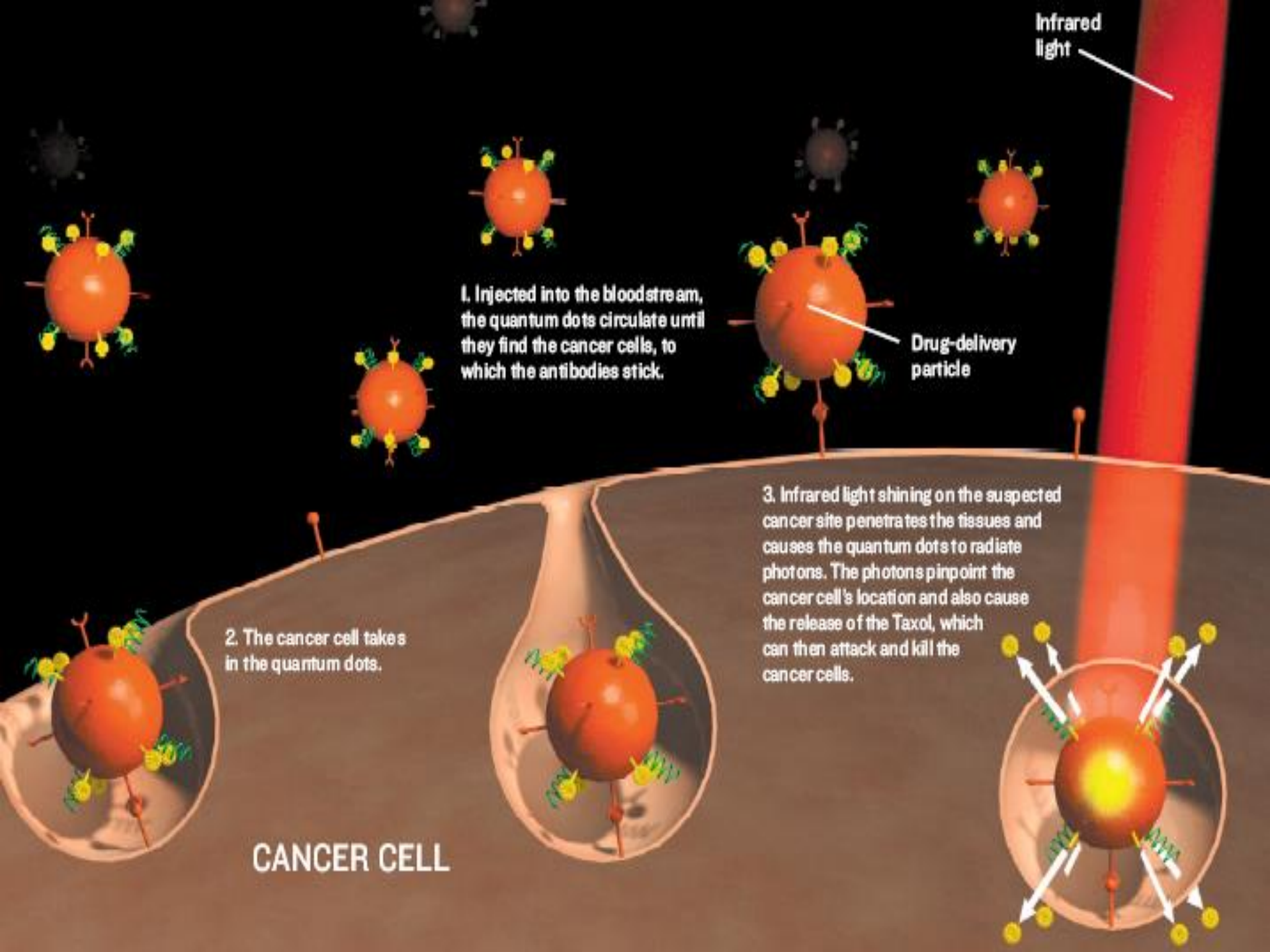


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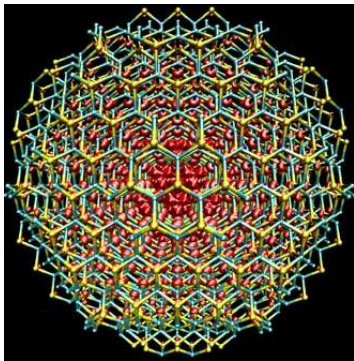
Quantum dots  
emit light





# Medical Imaging

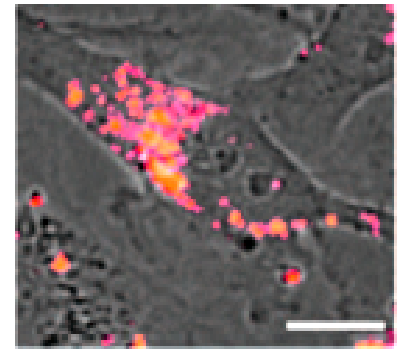
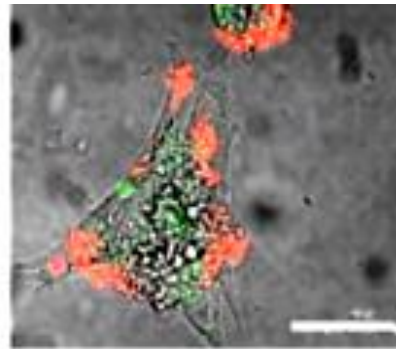
Optical properties of nanoparticles depend greatly on its structure. Particularly, the color (wavelength) emitted by a quantum dot (a semiconductor nanoparticle) depends on its diameter.



*CdSe nanoparticle (QD) structure*

Source: Laurence Livermore Laboratories

The quantum dots (QD) can be injected to a subject, and then be detected by exciting them to emit light



*Imaging of QD's targeted on cellular structures*



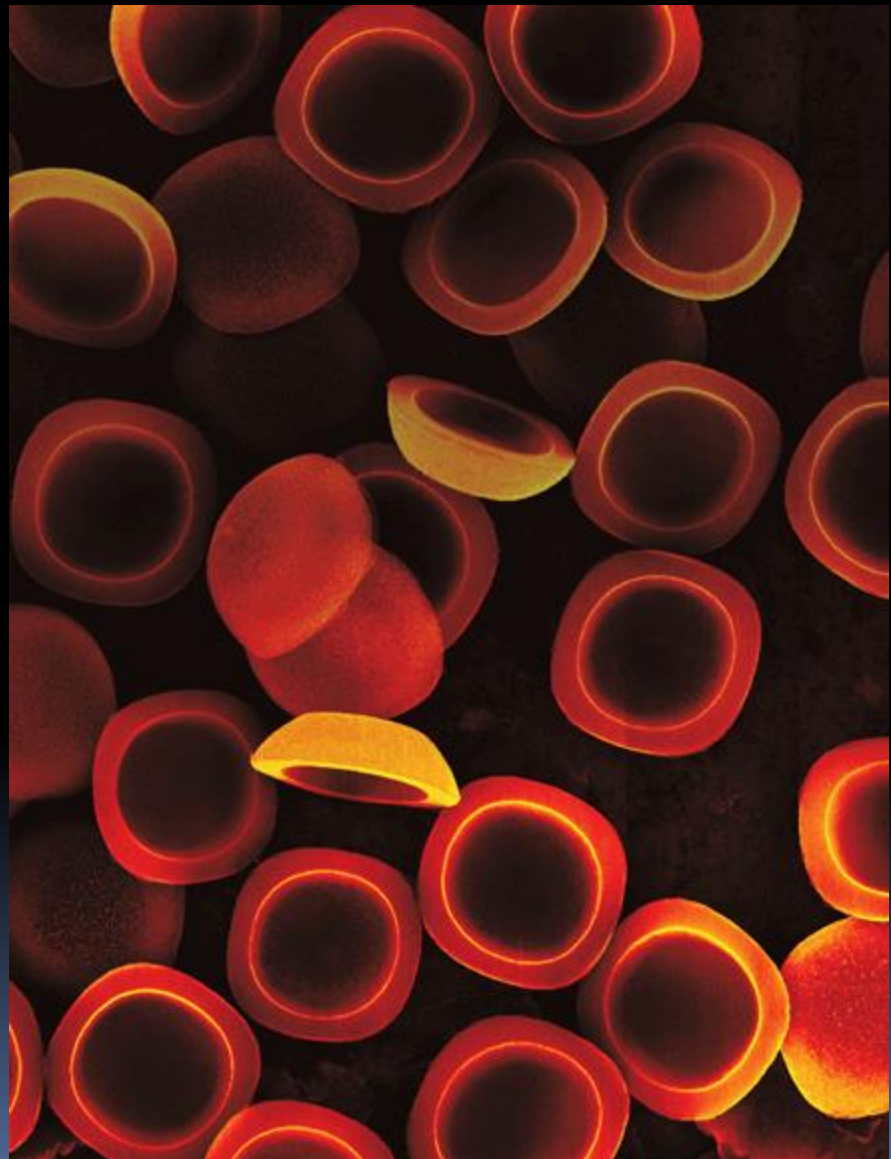
*Solutions of CdSe QD's of different diameter*

Source: Department of immunology, University of Toronto

Nano Letters 2008., Vol. 8, pp3887-3892

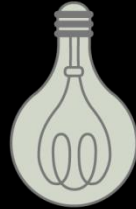
# Gold nanoshells

- SiO<sub>2</sub> Core
- 65 nm Size



# Nanoshells

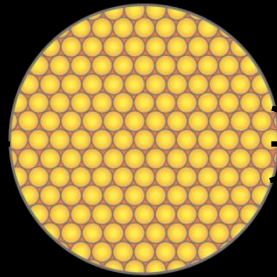
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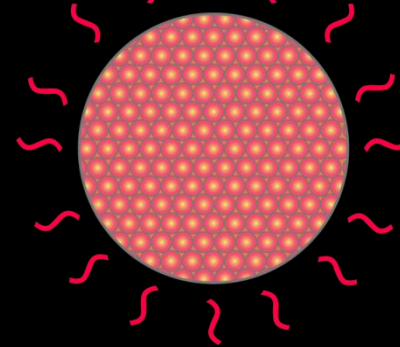
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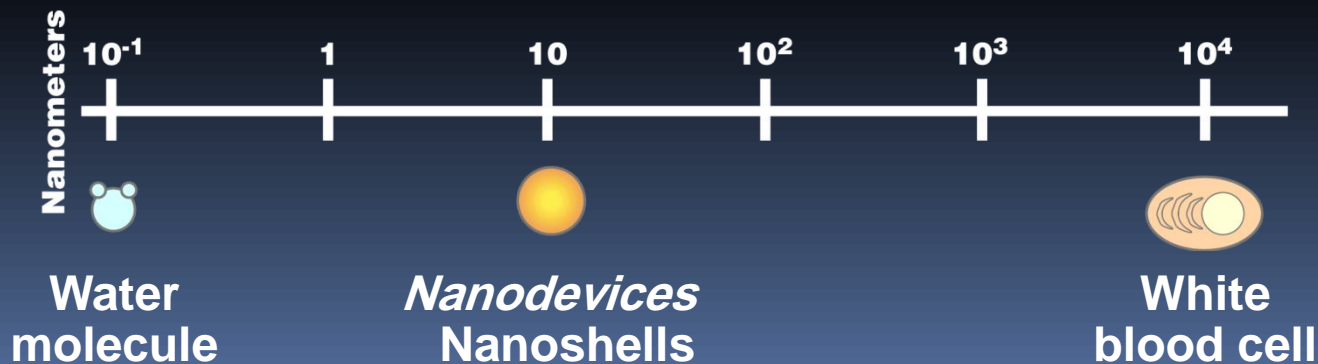
Nanoshell



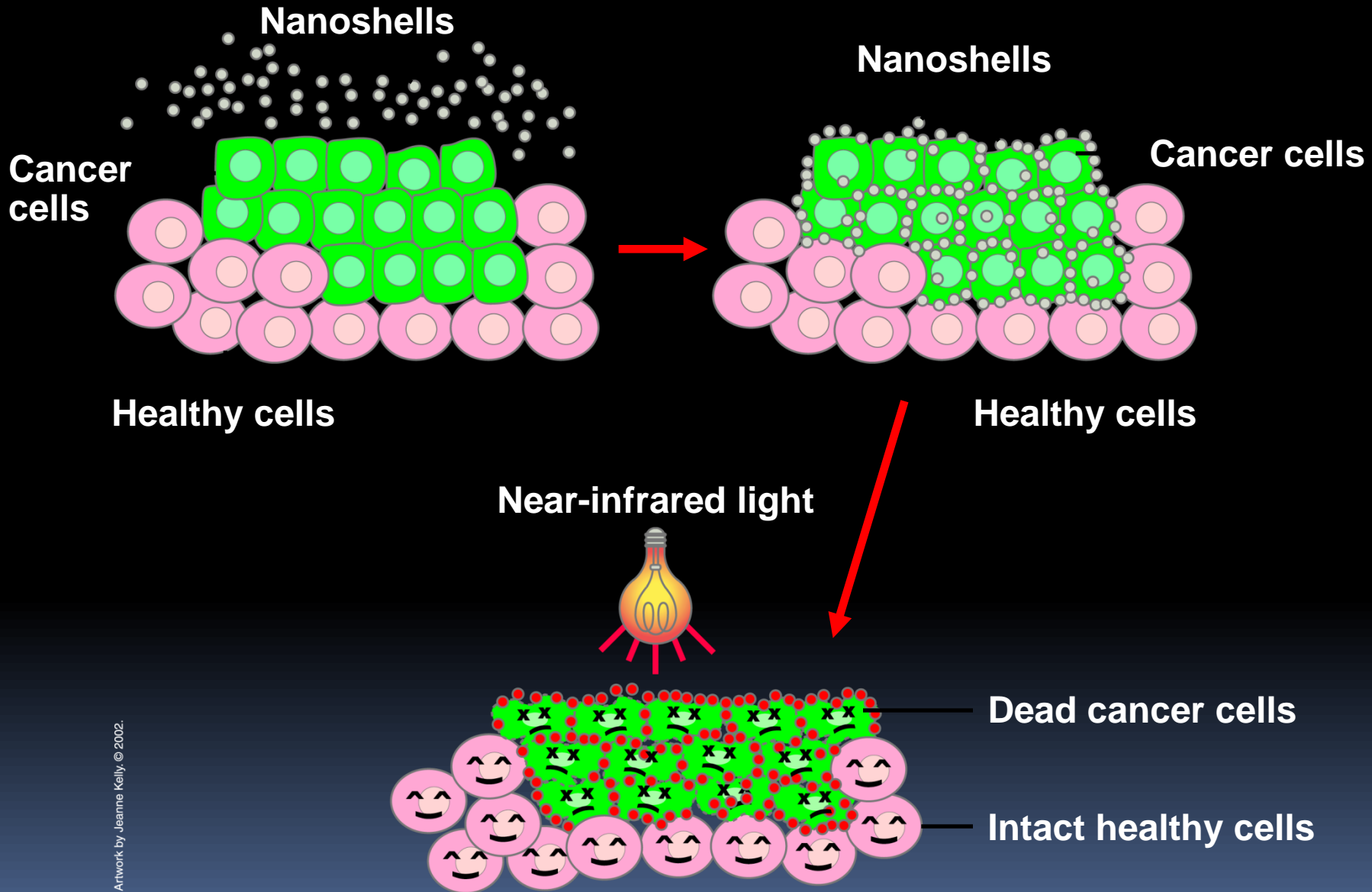
Gold



Nanoshell absorbs heat



# Nanoshells as Cancer Therapy



# Therapy

**A.** Nanometer-sized particles are particularly responsive to electromagnetic and acoustic excitations through a variety of phenomena (e.g. plasmon resonance) that lead to local extreme conditions (e.g. heating). The nanoparticle is able to tolerate this condition, but not so the biological material nearby



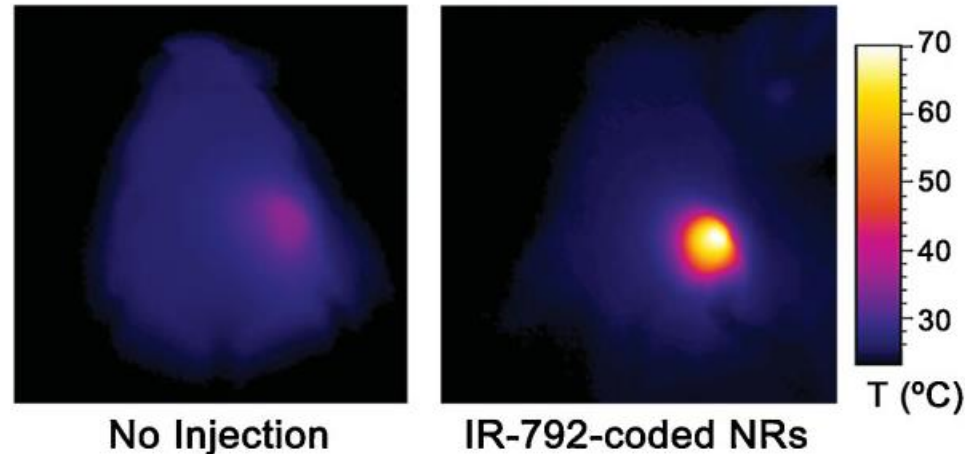
**B.** Intramuscular injections of colloidal gold, a suspension of gold nanoparticles, has been used for decades to alleviate pain linked to rheumatoid arthritis. The mechanism is still unknown

Source: John Hopkins Center

*Colloidal gold*

Source: [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)

**C.**



An infrared beam illuminates two mice specimens. The local temperature increases for the mouse that received and injection of gold nanorods.

**Adv. Mater. 2009, 21, 3175–3180**

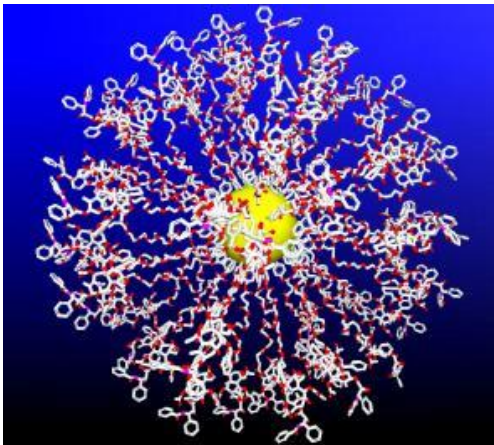


# Gold Nanoparticles vs. Alzheimer

Source: Berkeley Lab

**A.** Alzheimer and other degenerative diseases are caused by the clustering of amyloid beta ( $A\beta$ ) protein.

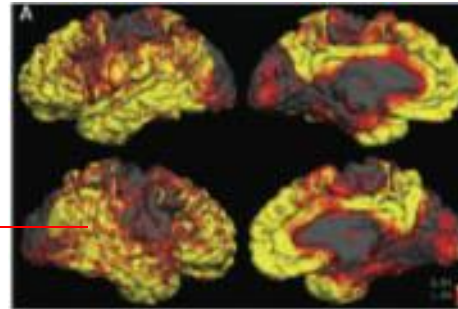
**C.**



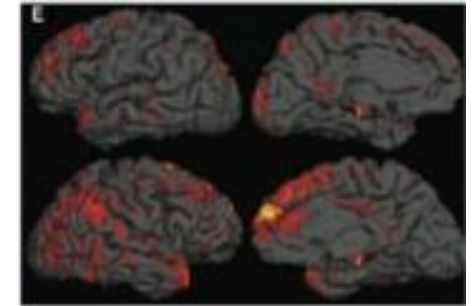
*Functionalized nanoparticle*

Source: [www.internetchemistry.com](http://www.internetchemistry.com)

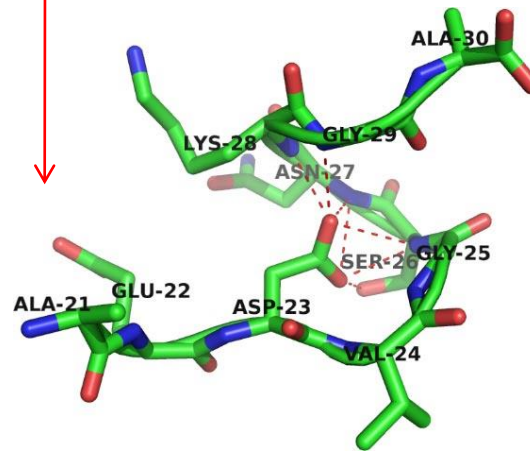
**B.**



*Alzheimer's brain*



*Healthy brain*



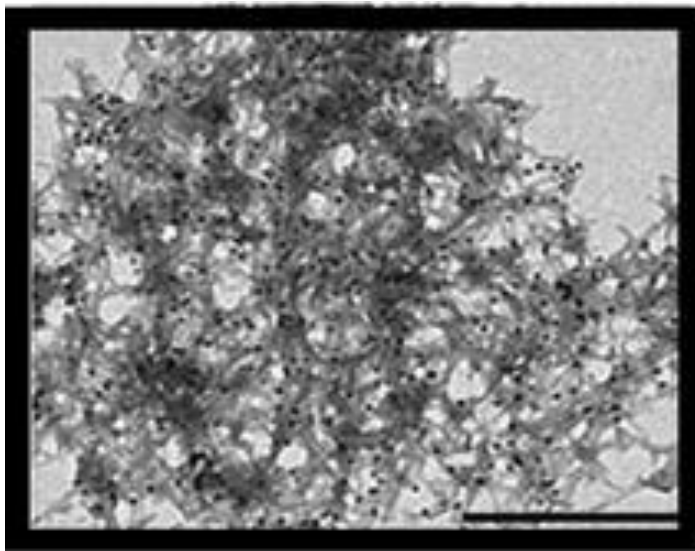
*Chemical structure of  $A\beta$ -protein*

Source: [www.thefutureofthings.com](http://www.thefutureofthings.com)

**D.** Gold nanoparticles can be functionalized to specifically attach to aggregates of this protein (amyloidosis)

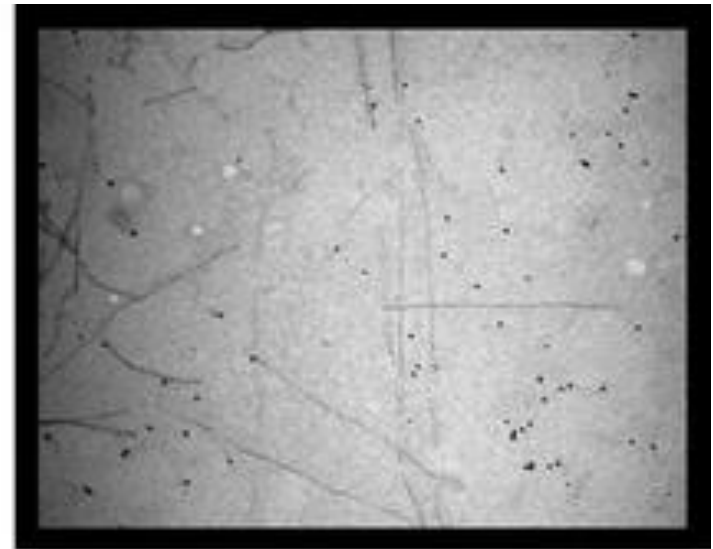
# Gold Nanoparticles vs. Alzheimer

**A.** The functionalized gold nanoparticles selectively attach to the aggregate of amyloid protein. The microwaves of certain frequency are irradiated on the sample. Resonance with the gold nanoparticles increases the local temperature and destroy the aggregate



*Before irradiation*

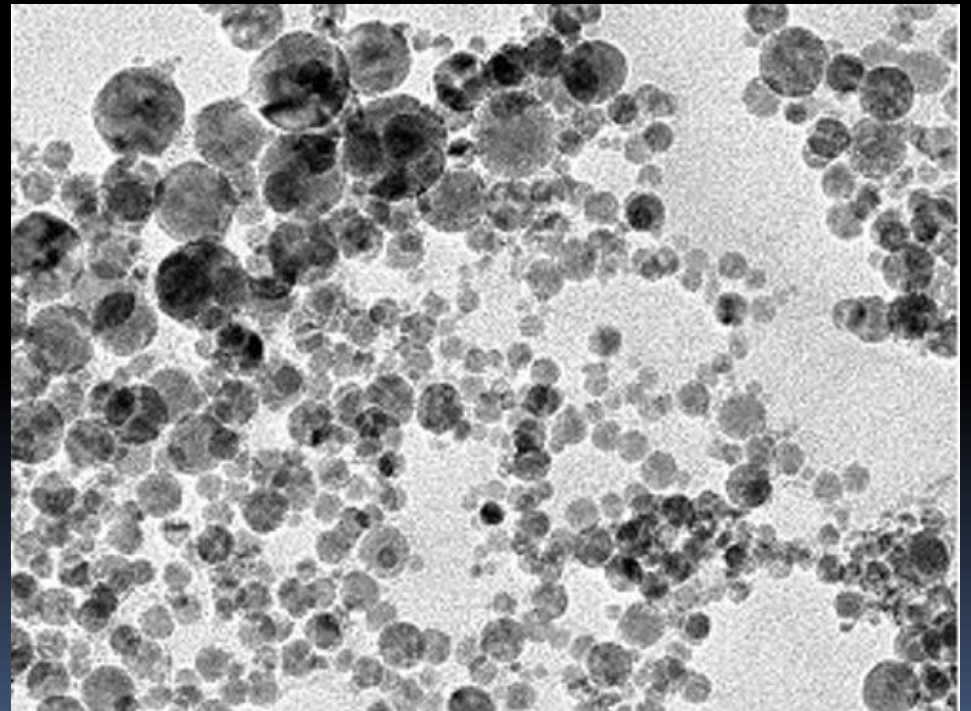
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*After irradiation*

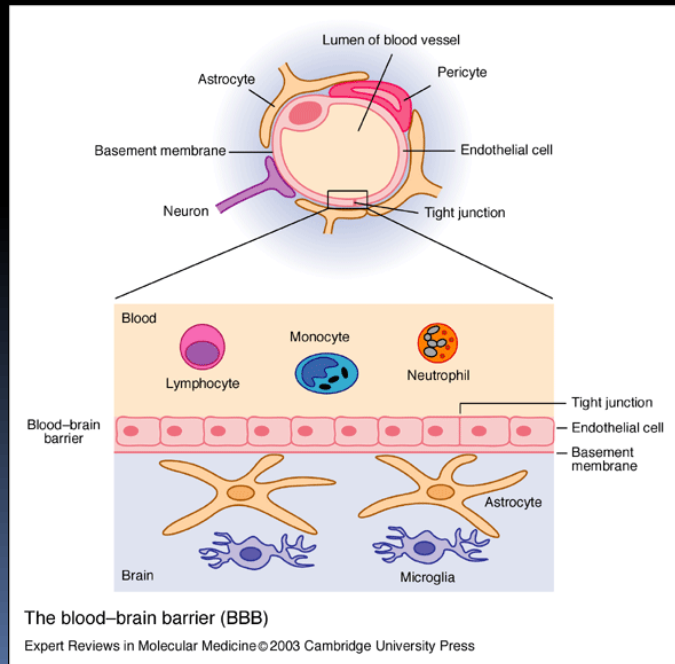
# Solid lipid nanoparticles

- Industrial feasibility
- Drug delivery to brain
- Not Toxic



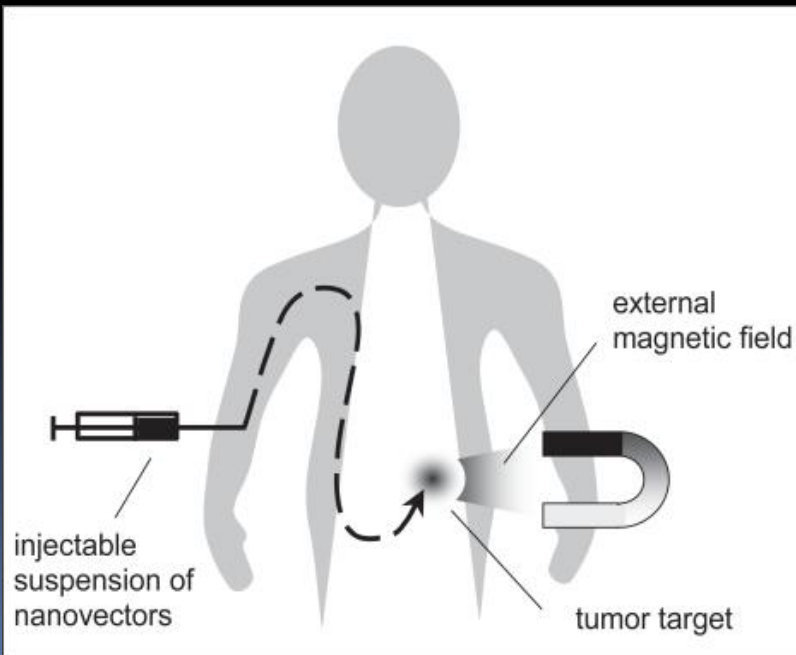
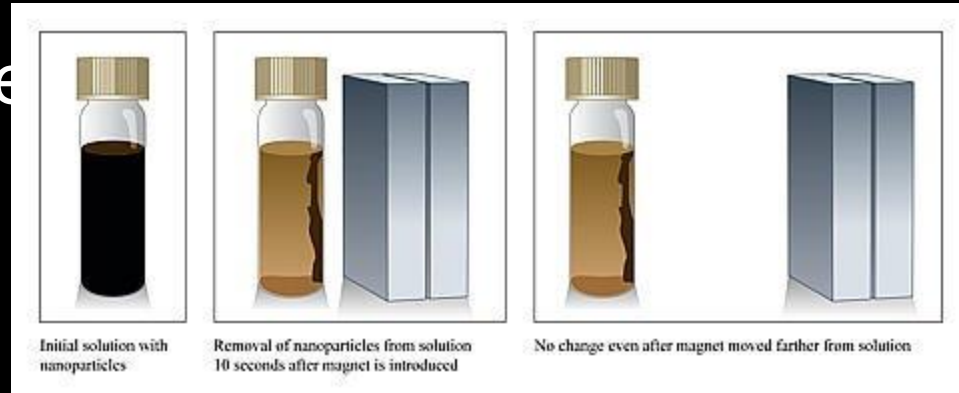
# Drug delivery to brain

- Specific cells
- Tight junctions in BBB
- Pgp Activity



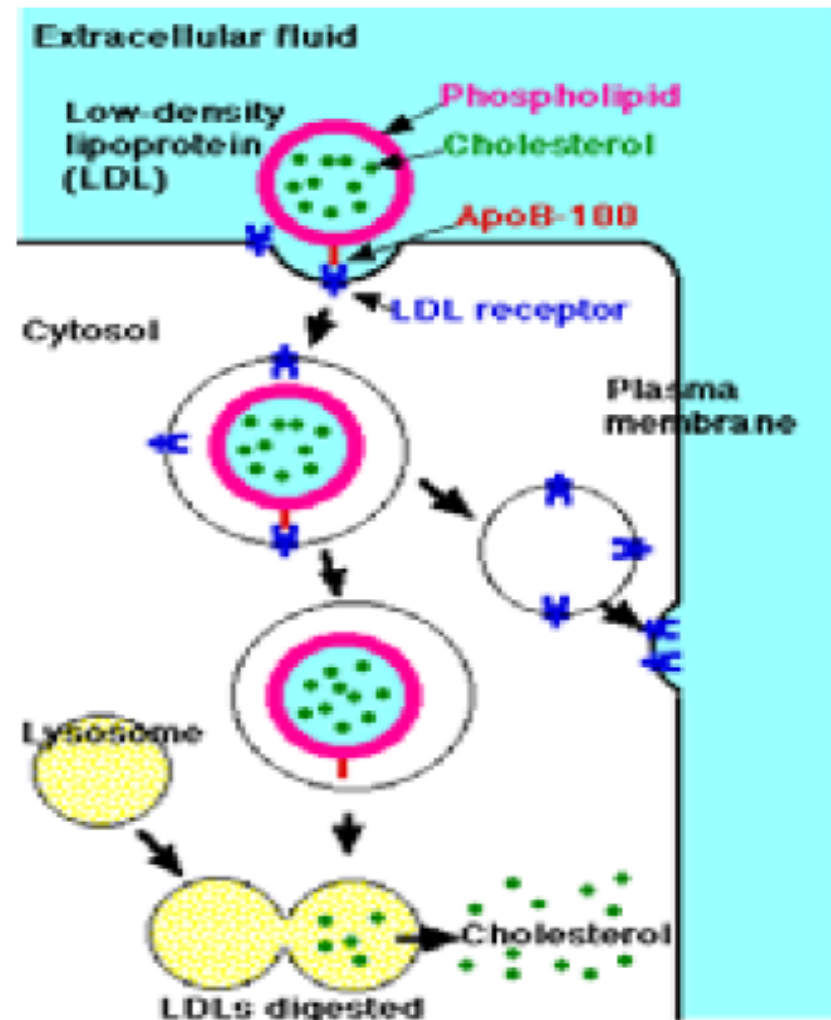
# Superparamagnetic NPs

- Easy target

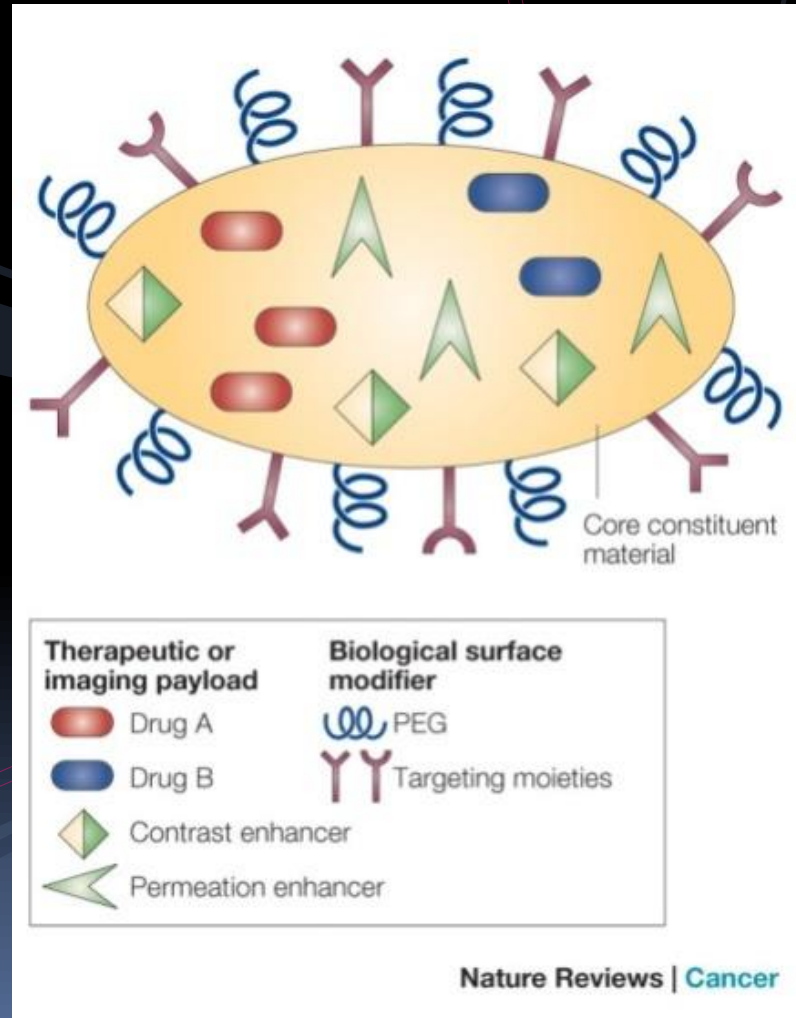


# Active Targetting

- Small Molecules
  - Galactose/Glucose/Mannose
  - Folate
- Peptides
  - RGD
- Proteins
  - Transferrin
  - Antibodies
  - LDLs



# Active targeting



Thank You!

